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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia SC 29210

Re: **Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC Notification of Hydro Units Retirement**
Docket No.: 2018-10-E

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

I write to notify the Commission and all parties that Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (“DEC” or the “Company”) plans to retire the following two small hydroelectric (“hydro”) peaking units located near Gaffney, SC, in connection with its 2018 Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”):

99 Islands Units 5 and 6

These inoperable peaking units, which were built in 1910 and had a total generating capacity of 6 MW, have not been dispatched in several years, and the Company cannot justify the capital that would be necessary to repair them. These units are listed in the 2018 IRP as providing 0 MW of capacity. On October 4, 2018, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved DEC’s plan to decommission both units by retirement in place. The Company has removed these assets from plant in service, and the units will be retired effective December 31, 2018.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Heather Shirley Smith

cc: Parties of Record